



REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The year 2007, brought increases in both year-round population and police related calls for service. My brief time here in Alton has made known to me that the ills of the past that plagued the Alton Police Department cannot prevail over the strong character intrinsic to a professional police agency.

Our minimum manning compliment was fulfilled earlier this year with only two vacancies remaining in our "Special Officer" allocation. We saw the appointment of a new Police Chief; four full-time Police Officers, Richard Vanderhoof, Nicolas Skiba, Jason Tremblay and Timothy Sullivan; and a new Animal Control David Scott. In addition to the above named appointment's Officer MacDougall was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The Alton Police Department never faltered in their mission to provide Alton with the highest level of police services; in fact we have hit the ground running. Our agency seeks to implement a K-9 program and augment summer patrols utilizing the police motorcycle. At present we are exploring the renovation of our police facility to bring our building to current accreditation standards. We at no expense to the community and as an agency have acquired two Night Vision Goggles and two eighteen foot Boston Whaler (former-navy seal) boats that are earmarked to supplant the aging police boat we already possess.

We, as an agency, located and stopped the biggest marijuana growing facility that the Town of Alton has ever seen. As an agency we have embraced a philosophy of proactive police service to the community. The foundation of our future strategic plan is developing a route towards NH state accreditation, all the while enriching our current law enforcement levels of training and supervision.

The above could not and cannot be achieved without the incessant support of our community here in Alton. We encourage our community members to contact us either individually or as an agency, all input is welcomed.

The Alton Police will continue to operate under the Community Orientated Policing philosophy which fundamentally supports pro-active problem-solving police service delivery, facilitated by and through partnerships with you and our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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